



## *News from the Ohio Turnpike*

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### **Ohio Turnpike hosts Open House to attract minority businesses**

May 15, 2014 (Berea) – The Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission (OTIC) hosted an Engineering Department Open House today to attract and increase participation by Minority Business Enterprises (MBEs).

The event was well attended by more than 50 participants. Chief Engineer Tony Yacobucci of the Commission described the qualification process for various engineering jobs, including inspection, material testing, quality control, construction management, surveying and others.

In 2013, the Commission spent more than \$97 million in the acquisition and construction of capital assets. In addition, approximately \$38 million was paid in other goods and services.

“We’re committed to improving minority participation and there is a significant amount of work available,” said Richard A. Hodges, executive director. “Purchases range from major road construction to small quantities of office supplies,” Hodges added.

Following the lead of Governor John Kasich, the Commission recently announced a new program emphasizing participation of minority and other disadvantaged businesses with a goal of 15 percent of contracts awarded to minorities. MBE certification applications are available at [www.ohioturnpike.org](http://www.ohioturnpike.org).

Several outreach efforts are underway by the Commission to increase relationships with minority and disadvantaged businesses.

The Commission invites telephone calls or emails at any time about doing business with the Turnpike. Please contact Tommie Jo Marsilio at (440) 234-2081 or [tommiejo.marsilio@ohioturnpike.org](mailto:tommiejo.marsilio@ohioturnpike.org) with any questions.

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